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ARTICLE I.

Name. The name of this Institution shall be The Ontario Society of Artists.

Object. Its objects are the encouragement and fostering of original and native Art in the Province of Ontario.

ARTICLE II.

Membership. Members shall be professional Artists—namely, painters, sculptors, architects, artistic-engravers, and draughtsmen-designers residing in Ontario or temporarily residing elsewhere.

ARTICLE III.

Officers. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President (who shall be Treasurer), a Secretary and an Executive Council consisting of seven elected members.

The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings, but

if both be absent a chairman shall be chosen from among the members present.

The President and Vice-President shall, unless excluded by resolution, be *ex officio* members of all committees.

The Vice-President, as Treasurer, shall be custodian of all the funds of the Society, which are to be deposited to the credit of the Society in chartered banks of the Province, and only paid out upon cheques signed by him and the Secretary.

The Secretary shall perform all the duties usual to his office, and shall keep regular record of receipts and disbursements in proper books of account, which shall be open at all reasonable times for inspection of each member of the Society, and he shall furnish a full report at every business meeting. He shall receive and bank, to the credit of the Society, all moneys paid into the Society, and he shall be paid such salary as may from time to time be agreed upon, and shall be an *ex officio* member of the Executive Council.

Executive Council.

The Executive Council shall have power to act in all business which does not necessarily come before the Society for action, and in the interim they shall have power to expend, for special purposes, the Society's funds to the amount of not more than two hundred dollars.

All disbursements on account of the Society must come before the Executive Council for approval, and when passed the accounts shall be initialed for payment.

Two auditors shall be elected who shall audit the accounts and report thereon on March 1st of each year, and who shall be entitled to such remuneration as may be agreed upon at a monthly meeting of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE IV.

Meetings. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall take place during the first week of the annual Exhibition. At this meeting as full a statement of the transactions of the Society for the past year as may be practicable, shall be presented by the President, which shall form the Society's report to the Minister of Education. The officers for the ensuing year and new members shall then be elected.

The Semi-Annual Meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of November, for the appointment of the Hanging and Selection Committee of the Annual Exhibition, nominations of new members, and such general business as may be necessary, the nature of such business to be stated in the circular notice calling the meeting.

Special meetings shall be called at any time by the Secretary if directed by the President or Vice-President, or upon a re-

quisition signed by five members of the Society. In the notice to members calling a special meeting the business to come before such meeting shall be stated.

The Executive Council shall meet for the transaction of business on the first Tuesday of each month, excepting July, August and September, or whenever called by the President or Vice-President.

ARTICLE V.

Elections.

All officers, except the Secretary, are to be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these officers may be made up to the hour appointed for the meeting. Should any vacancy occur during the year it shall be filled by election by ballot at a special meeting called for that purpose, provided that at least a fortnight's notice shall be given of the vacancy proposed to be filled at such meeting.

The election of members shall take place at the Annual Meeting. Nominations must be made through the Executive Council not later than the monthly meeting prior to the Annual Meeting, and the Secretary shall notify all members of the names of candidates, who must have two works hung at the Annual Exhibition.

ARTICLE VI.

Fees and Liabilities.

The annual fee for members shall be ten dollars, due on the first day of January in

each year. Members shall farther be responsible for any additional sum that may be considered necessary for the management of the Society. Any levy of money for this purpose must be by notice of motion to that effect made to the Executive Council and approved of by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a subsequent special meeting of the Society called for that purpose. The Secretary to give written notice to all members of such notice of motion within the space of one week after such notice is given.

Any member whose fees are two years in arrears, or who has failed to submit pictures for the Annual Exhibition for two successive years, shall cease to be a member and his name shall be taken off the roll.

In case of any conduct on the part of any member which, in the opinion of the Society, may endanger the good order, welfare or character of the Society, his name shall be erased from the roll of membership by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a special meeting, due notice having been sent to the member one month before the final action of the Society.

ARTICLE VII.

Annual Exhibition.

The Annual Exhibition shall be held during the spring of each year, and shall consist

of original works which have not been publicly exhibited in the City of Toronto.

Two or more pictures shall be purchased from the walls of the Annual Exhibition with the money provided by the Government for that purpose for the Provincial Art Gallery.

Written notice shall be sent by the Secretary to all members of the time and place of each meeting, sufficiently in advance of the time to enable them to attend.

The order of business at meetings shall be as follows:—

1. Signing of names by members present in the book kept for that purpose.
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Reading of minutes of Executive Council.
4. Correspondence read and considered.
5. Accounts.
6. New members proposed.
7. Reports of Committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. Notice of motion.
10. General business.

Quorum. At meetings of the Society for the transaction of ordinary business five shall be a quorum. For election of members ten shall be a quorum. For any alteration of Constitution, the levy of money upon the members, or the expenditure of sums of money over two hundred dollars, ten shall be a quorum. At meetings of the Executive Council five shall be a quorum.

Motions. All motions must be in writing, with the names of the mover and seconder, and be decided by a majority of members present, ascertained by show of hands, the chairman having a casting vote.

Questions of Order. All questions of order shall be decided by the chairman, but any member present may appeal from his ruling, in which case the question shall be put without debate, "Shall the ruling of the chairman be sustained?" and decided in favor of the majority.

A list of members entitled to vote and eligible for election as officers shall be hung in a conspicuous place at the Annual Meeting.

The Secretary shall notify each candidate of his or her admission as member of the Society, sending a copy of the Constitution and By-laws and on receipt of the fee for the current year the name of the candidate shall be placed on the roll.

The Secretary shall, if possible, notify any member that has not sent pictures to the Annual Exhibition or paid his annual fee when due, and call his attention to Article VI. of the Constitution.

Exhibitions. No member shall submit more than six pictures for the Annual Exhibition (miniatures excepted). Not more than three portrait pictures shall be exhibited by one Artist.

Non-members shall not submit more than two pictures for exhibition.

The Hanging and Selection Committee shall be composed of three members of the Society elected at the Semi-Annual meeting.

A commission of 10 per cent. shall be charged on the catalogue price of all sales of pictures by non-members.

All pictures submitted by agents or otherwise, must be accompanied by a list written and signed by the artist, in default of which they will not be eligible for exhibition.

All pictures by members within the City limits intended for the Society Exhibitions shall be collected at the expense of the Society.

No person shall be permitted to enter the galleries while they are in charge of the Hanging Committee, or Committee of Selection, except such officers or employees as may be admitted by the committees for business purposes. And no one but a member of the Society shall be allowed to be present during the meetings of the Society.

The selection of pictures to be purchased for the Provincial Art Gallery shall be made previous to the election of new members, and shall be by ballot, no member voting for his own works. A period of ten years shall elapse before a member whose work has been selected shall be again eligible.

Life Class. A member shall be elected to act as the Society's representative at the R. C. A. Life Class.

There shall be printed in the catalogues of each year, in addition to the list of officers and members, another list to be headed "Deceased Members of the Society."

ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

The Constitution and By-laws may be altered at a special meeting of the Society called for that purpose when approved of by a two-thirds majority of the members present, notice of the proposed alteration having been given at the previous Executive monthly meeting, and stated in a circular which the members shall receive at least one month before the special meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

Any alteration of the Constitution must be submitted to the Minister of Education for his approval.